HISTORY

OF

BOWDEN CHARGE

Garrett's Chapel Church
Midway Church
Temperance Church
Victory Church
The Temperence Methodist Church located at Sand Hill, Ga. in Carroll County, was organized about 1853.

The people of that section organized a Temperence society and erected a building for their meetings about 1840. This was a two story building. It was in this building that the Temperence Methodist church was organized. This building was constructed of logs. About 1880 this building was replaced by a frame church on the same grounds. In those days the Temperence church experienced great revivals. Having great men as their pastors.


By 1903 the town of Carrollton, seven miles away had become a thringing town. Many of the families of Sand Hill moved away to Carrollton, leaving so few members at the Temperence Church that it was necessary to close the doors in 1903. Since that time Sand Hill has grown into a nice sized community. In 1950 the Temperence church was reopened by The Rev. James W. Sells, Extension Secretary of Rural work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. At that time a class of members was received into the Church.

The building that was erected in 1880 is still standing. A few good men kept the roof repaired. When the church was
reopened it was painted on the outside and was re-ceil ed.

At the Conference of June 1951, Rev. Leroy Smith was assigned pastor of the Temperence Church. During this Conference year the church building has been recovered, a new pulpit has been installed.

Temperence church is a historical church. Having its beginning in a Temperence house. Mr Carroll the man who founded Carroll County was a charter member of the Temperence church. His body is at rest in the cemetery near the church.

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